



Big Bone Lick State Historic Site

June 9-12, 2016

Welcome to Big Bone Lick State Historic Site! The park's Program Services staff provides safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences for all park visitors. Our goal is to enhance the visitor experience by sharing the park's unique prehistory, interpreting its natural resources, and providing a variety of purely recreational offerings.

All activities are FREE unless otherwise noted (\$).

Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all activities.

A minimum of 3 participants are required per program.

Staff Listing:

Parks Program Services Supervisor: Ossana Wolff

Interpretive Staff: Claire Kolkmeyer

The Recreation Shelter is located in the Campground.

ALL TIMES ARE Eastern Standard (EST)

Thursday, June 9

3:00 P.M. **Build-a-Bison:** Now you can take home your very own bison! At this fun craft you can create a custom bison to take with you. We will also talk about the many uses of bison by Native Americans, early settlers and pioneers.

Location: Recreation Shelter

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

Friday, June 10

11:00 A.M. **Atlatl, Prehistoric Weapon of Choice:** Prehistoric people came up with a rather ingenious device in order to hunt for large animals and for protection. The device, called an atlatl allowed a person to throw a long dart up to several hundred yards. Join the Park Interpreter to learn more about the atlatl and see how well you can throw an atlatl dart. **All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.*

Location: Meet at the Campground Store

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** 8+ to throw*, all ages to watch

1:00 P.M. **The Nature of Big Bone Lick - Tree Edition:** Ahhh nature... it is one of the best things about Big Bone. There are many sides to the nature of the Park including our trees. On this mile long walk we will cover the basics of tree ID and learn about 10 common trees of Big Bone Lick.

Length: 1 mile **Difficulty:** Easy

Location: Meet at the Museum/Visitor Center

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

9:30 P.M. **Tour the Stars:** Have you ever wondered what the galaxies actually look like from earth? What about the distant stars you can't see with the naked eye? Join Big Bone Lick staff with Dr. Bresser & Dr. Vogler from Northern Kentucky University for a tour of the stars.

Location: Campground Store (Open to all Park Visitors)

Approx Time: 1-1.5 hours **Ages:** All Ages

Saturday, June 11

1:00 P.M. **Big Bone Hydro-Hike:** Join the park's interpretive staff for a splashing good time on a special creek bed hike. The hike begins with a visit to the park's largest salt-sulfur spring where mammoths and mastodons once drank brine water at the end of the Ice Age. Afterwards, we step things up with aquatic adventure as we explore Big Bone Creek – right down the middle. Bring old shoes and expect to get wet!

Distance: ½ mile **Difficulty:** Moderate

Location: Visitor Center/Museum **Approx Time:** 45 Minutes – 1 hour

Ages: All Ages (12 and under must be accompanied by adult)

3:00 P.M. **Make-and-Take Arrowhead Necklaces (\$):** Humans have come to Big Bone Lick for 10,000 years to hunt and make salt. Until Europeans came to the area Native Americans used stone tools to hunt and process meat. Join us for more information and a fun craft too! Each participant will make an arrowhead necklace to wear proudly and take home.

Location: Recreation Shelter

Approx Time: 30 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages **Fee:** \$2.00 per necklace

6:00 P.M. **Fire Starting, the Pioneer way:** Would you be able to start a fire without matches or a lighter? Come discover how to start fire using flint and steel like the pioneers did. Everyone will have a chance to try their hand at starting a fire.

Location: Recreation Shelter

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages



Sunday, June 5

11:00 A.M. Meet the Big Bone Bison: Did you know that Big Bone is home to live American Bison? They are our living link to the Ice Age, 10,000 years ago! Come learn about bison then and now, and get to know the Big Bone bison herd. This program includes a short hike (0.25 miles) to the bison area.

Location: Visitor Center/Museum , 0.25 mile easy hike to Bison Viewing Area

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

1:00 P.M. Fossil Hunter: This area is known for being the birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology but it is also a premier Ordovician fossil location. This program will uncover the story of the park's Ordovician fossils. We will talk about how this area became a premier fossil site, how the ancient invertebrates that lived here became fossils, and most importantly hone our fossil hunting skills. Participants will have the opportunity to handle and identify fossils found on the park.

Location: Visitor Center/Museum

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

*Hike along the Cedar Run **TRAIL** to enjoy nature or walk.*

*Shop the **GIFT SHOP** to find that perfect gift or keepsake*

*Buy a **Gift Card** for that perfect gift that can be used for anything on the park such as Mini golf, camping, and gift shop.*

Pool Hours

Campground Guests Only

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gift Shop

Check out our gift shop to buy T-shirts, pottery, toys, specialty candies, and KY Handcrafted products.

Upcoming Special Programs

JUNE 18, 2016

BBL Discovery Day - Big Bone Unearthed

Discover the many sides of Big Bone Lick! Things to discover include Native American and Pioneer life, Ice Age animals, and atlatl throwing.

Free to discover and for all ages.

11 A.M. to 3 P.M.